

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for keeping a person warm while in a stand having a base connected to a tree,
comprising:
5 a generally tubular length of material having an open end and a closed end, wherein
said closed end includes a fastener for securing the apparatus to the base of the stand.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a bracket mounted to the base of the stand for
maintaining the apparatus when in a rolled-up condition.
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3. The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising a band for securing the apparatus when in a
rolled-up condition to said bracket.
4. The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said band is either a hook and loop self-securing band or
15 a nylon cable tie.
5. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein said bracket is mounted to the base on an end away from
the tree such that the apparatus is rolled away from the tree as it is rolled toward the bracket.
- 20 6. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein said bracket is mounted to the base on an end toward the
tree such that the apparatus is rolled toward the tree as it is rolled toward the bracket.

7. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising an elastic band encircling said open end.

8. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a protective mat secured to said closed end of the apparatus.

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9. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising pockets in said tubular length of material at or near said open end.

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10. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said material is selected from the group consisting of: nylon, polar fleece, parachute silk, Gore-Tex®, and Windstopper®.

11. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said material includes an inner layer of polar fleece material and an outer layer of either parachute silk, Gore-Tex®, or Windstopper® material.

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12. An apparatus for keeping a person warm while in a stand having a base connected to a tree, comprising:

a generally tubular length of material having an open end and a closed end, wherein said closed end includes a fastener for securing the apparatus to the base of the stand;

an elastic band encircling said open end; and

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a protective mat secured to said closed end of the apparatus.

13. The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising pockets in said tubular length of material at or near said open end.

14. The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising a bracket mounted to the base of the stand for maintaining the apparatus when in a rolled-up condition.

15. The apparatus of claim 14, further comprising a band for securing the apparatus when in a rolled-up condition to said bracket.

16. The apparatus of claim 15 wherein said band is either a hook and loop self-securing band or a nylon cable tie.

17. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said bracket is mounted to the base on an end away from the tree such that the apparatus is rolled away from the tree as it is rolled toward the bracket.

18. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said bracket is mounted to the base on an end toward the tree such that the apparatus is rolled toward the tree as it is rolled toward the bracket.

19. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said material is selected from the group consisting of: nylon, polar fleece, parachute silk, Gore-Tex®, and Windstopper®.

20. A method of keeping a person warm while in a stand having a base connected to a tree, comprising the step of:

(a) inserting one or both feet and legs into a generally tubular length of material having an open end and a closed end, wherein said closed end is secured to the base of the stand by a fastener; and

(b) pulling the open end of the length of material up to a desired height.